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INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

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1. GOG HAS FAILED TO REPLY TO REPEATED EMBASSY REQUESTS FOR DATA REQUESTED REFAIR. FOLLOWING IS DRAWN FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN EMBASSY FILES.
2. GABON HAS INACTED NO STATUTES OR REGULATIONS GOVERNING TERRORISM OCCURRING PRIMARILY WITHIN ITS BORDERS.
3. OF FIVE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS CONCERNED WITH TERRORISM (PARA 2B REFAIR) WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN ONLY THAT GOG HAS SIGNED 1973 UN CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS.
4. AS THERE HAS BEEN NO ACT OF TERRORISM (AS DEFINED IN REFAIR) IN GABON IN RECENT YEARS, THERE ARE NO JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS RELATING TO SUCH CASES, NOR PRECEDENTS FOR SUBSEQUENT PENALTIES OR CLEMENCY.

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5. GOG HAS AVOIDED OFFICIAL COMMENT ON ACTS OF TERRORISM

BECAUSE OF A) A GENERAL POLICY OF BROADENING CONTACTS WITH ARAB NATIONS; AND B) A DISINCLINATION TO TAKE OFFICIAL POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES UNLESS GABONESE INTERESTS ARE CLEARLY AND IMMEDIATELY INVOLVED.

6. AT THE SAME TIME, PRESIDENT BONGO HAS CONSISTENTLY ADVOCATED MODERATION, DIALOGUE AND THE AVOIDANCE OF VIOLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE. HE WOULD PROBABLY REACT DECISIVELY AND EVEN HOTLY IN A CASE OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AFFECTING GABON OR GABONESE. MCKESSON

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